

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the first full paragraph at page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

## **CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims priority the benefit of and priority to International Application Serial No. PCT/US2003/031651 filed on 6 October 2003, which, in turn, claims the benefit of and priority from ~~of~~ to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/416,094 filed on October 4, 2002, by Philip C. Roy entitled "PNEUMATIC SURGICAL STAPLING DEVICE", and incorporates its entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.--